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President's Message

Leonard M. Eddy

One might assume that the Oklahoma Library Association hits a peak of activity each April during the annual conference, then slumbers peacefully for the remainder of the year. Such is not the case!

The executive board meets once each month, to face a full agenda. Divisions, round tables and committees report; propose programs, conferences, workshops, and projects; and request funds to support their proposed activities. The president, as ex-officio to most committees, could not possibly attend all the meetings to which he is invited.

The Association is cooperating with the Southwestern Library Association and the Oklahoma Library Systems Group in programs of benefit to each of us, our libraries, and the state.

The Program Committee and Local Arrangements Committee are at work to make the next annual conference in Tulsa a meaningful experience for each OLA member.

Perhaps this is the long way around to tell you that OLA is alive and well. As long as you, as members, have new ideas and the energy to put new ideas into action, OLA will be youthful and responsive.

If you have not renewed your membership in OLA, please do so promptly. Send membership dues, along with the membership form, to Frances Kennedy, our Executive Secretary. Procrastination in this matter could result in your not being able to vote for next year's officers. You might also miss the announcement of an exciting workshop or conference.

Could I express once again my feelings of gratitude and pride to have the opportunity to serve as Oklahoma Library Association President this year? Thank you.
An Experimental Course in Library Data Processing

Don Hurst

For several years there has been a growing need for more specialized training in various technical aspects of librarianship, ranging from handling audio-visual materials to library automation. Librarians in the field have often found themselves with a lack of knowledge and understanding of various new technologies and at the same time being called upon to make decisions about something they knew nothing about. As a result, there has been a tendency to turn to outside non-library "experts" for technical guidance.

When the above situation is coupled with the growing tendency of libraries to utilize the participatory management model for decision-making, some alarming implications arise. First, whenever there is a committee considering an agenda item calling for the exercise of a certain level of technical expertise, individual committee members do not know how to react. There is a high potential risk that a decision might be made that would lead to detrimental and costly results for the library. Second, if the committee utilizes recommendations of outside non-library expertise, the individual librarians on the committee might make a collective decision based upon the recommendations of the non-library expert without foreseeing certain long term detrimental effects to library operations. Furthermore, if there is an increasing tendency to utilize more outside expertise for guidance on library operations and how to change various internal procedures, the integrity of the librarian begins to diminish.

To help offset some of these problems, many library schools have begun augmenting their curriculums with courses designed to help the librarian develop expertise in various technical areas. One such case in point is the School of Library Science of the University of Oklahoma which expanded its curriculum in library automation. Specifically, a course entitled "Introduction to Automated Library Methods" was offered on an experimental basis during the Fall semester of 1974.

In the past the O.U. Library School met the needs for training in library automation in various ways. Students could take a course once entitled "Documentation" and now called "Introduction to Library Information Systems," a general survey course that introduces the student to various products of computerized information services. While the course does include some discussion of what a computer is, there is actually very little exposure to the machine itself. The student was referred to courses outside the Library School for actual experience in computer programming and manipulating data. While this may be an acceptable solution for short term exposures, emphasis in outside courses generally involved the learning of a programming language and applying it to various mathematical problems.

Furthermore, the library student who traditionally has an undergraduate degree in the social sciences or humanities, had problems competing in outside courses with engineers, mathematicians, etc. These curriculums are often geared to a level that assumes that students have a certain level of

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mathematical competence, and as a result, can learn computer programming as a tool to manipulate mathematical knowledge already acquired. Also, the teacher of such courses usually has little sympathy for the plight of the library student. The student simply becomes subject to the “sink or swim” syndrome.

Some library schools in the United States have responded to the changing needs of the library profession by offering courses that actually utilize the computer in the curriculum. Automation courses are generally couched in the vague rhetoric of information science with little emphasis on the training of librarians to examine library processes, files, etc., and to automate the processes in the most expedient and effective manner. Granted that some instruction may cover the general principles of systems analysis and data processing, there is often a certain focus lacking on the analytic techniques of quantitatively costing library processes and reorganizing these processes to reduce costs. Overall, what has been lacking in the training of the librarian in library automation is a rigorous course of instruction in the analysis and techniques of data processing as applied to library processes.

The experimental course tried at the University of Oklahoma was designed to compensate for this deficiency. In other words, the course was designed so that the student would undergo rigorous instruction in the techniques of library data processing and gain an understanding of what library automation really means. The following is a description of that course.

First the overall goal of the course was to “orient the student of library science to the applications of computer technology to library routines and processes.” In order to fulfill this goal, the course focused on six objectives.

1. To examine various library modules most conducive to library automation.
2. To train the library student in the application of various algorithmic and heuristic tools in examining library processes.
3. To gain familiarity with terminology utilized in automation and the computer field.
4. To expose the library student to a prototype of a programming language and gain experience in applying the language to various library modules.
5. To develop the ability to read with understanding the literature in the field of library automation.
6. To develop a costs awareness of manual and automated library processes.

The first objective — to examine various library modules most conducive to library automation — served as a minor theme throughout the duration of the course. Rather than concentrating on library modules themselves, emphasis was on files and data structures commonly found in library situations. For example, every material that is processed in a library generates various data items — author, titles, subject headings, etc. These in turn are combined into some format to form a record. The record may be a main entry for a card catalog record, an order record for acquisitions, a circulation record, etc. The record formats consisting of collections of data items then form the logical unit for the file. Files then become collections of logical unit records and are sequentially ordered in accordance to the ordering parameter of the file, such as circulation records, which may be sequentially ordered by call number. Given the purposes and characteristics of a given file, the data items on a logical record are appropriately linked or formatted to form a set of relationships among the individual data elements.

The relationships of the data items in the manual files form a convenient pedagogical bridge to the description and organization of
logical records for automated data structure formats. Where manual files are often divided and subdivided in order to satisfy various access requirements, data files in machine readable form can be in a general format. It then becomes the function of the computer program to manipulate the logical records into the formats needed by the library. Should the need arise, the machine readable records can be manipulated in a fashion to meet new library access demands; whereas, the creation of a new file from manual files involves much time consuming data extraction, typing, organizing, and refiling.

The second objective — to train the library student in the applications of various algorithmic and heuristic tools in examining library processes — was approached primarily from the viewpoint of sorting. Manually, the processing of individual logical records involves a tremendous expenditure of time (and cost) in sorting records into an ordered sequence prior to merging the records into the appropriate file. Generally, a library has a set of rules for merging a set of logical record into various files — such as cards in the card catalog. These rules form an algorithm or a finite sequence of steps in order to accomplish a given task. There are as many manual sorting algorithms as there are libraries, but the sorting process itself forms a convenient method for introducing the student to various computer sorting algorithms.

Since the majority of library records are character rather than numeric data, demands on data manipulation assume a different nature. Where a person may be able to manipulate logical records and sequence them in a given unit of time, the computer can often manipulate the same records into the same order in a fraction of a second. Thus, the rapid sorting capabilities of the computer can often justify adaptation of manual files to machine readable form.

The third objective — to gain familiarity with terminology utilized in automation and the computer field — is accomplished as an end product of the course. The various class assignments, discussions, readings, and most important of all, interaction with outside students taking other automation courses proved not only to be useful in exposing the student to new terminology, but also being able to communicate with understanding the new terminology.

The fourth objective — to expose the library student to a prototype of a programming language and gain experience in applying the language to various library modules — was the central vehicle through which the student analyzed the characteristics of a given manual file and then subsequently wrote programs that simulated on a small scale the various retrieval demands that might be made on the file. In so doing, the student gained not only a detailed understanding of automating and programming a given file structure, but also, experienced the analyzing of the relationships that data items within a given logical record have to one another. Furthermore, experience was gained in the manipulation of a machine readable data structure so that several files may be generated from the same collection of data.

Since many library operations involve character rather than numeric data manipulations, the programming language prototype chosen for the course was PL/1. The language combines the most powerful features of Fortran and COBOL into one useful, general purpose language. Also, the language was appealing from the standpoint that there is a published monograph that explicitly focuses on the PL/1 applied to various library processes: Introduction to PL/1 Programming for Library and Information Science, by Thomas H. Mott, Jr. et al. (Academic Press: New York, 1972)

The fifth objective — to develop the ability to read with understanding the literature in the field of library automation — was included to help the student understand the
terminology used in the reporting literature of various library automation projects. Major emphasis was on articles in Journal of Library Automation and the LARC Reports.

Finally, the sixth objective — to develop a cost awareness of manual and automated processes — was approached in several ways. First, any automated simulation undertaken by the student involved a detailed breakdown of all contributive involved in the simulation.

For example, the student was required to keep track of the following items:

1. Manual systems analysis time
2. Initial programming time
3. Debugging time
4. Consultation time (when the student consults with the teacher on a programming problem)
5. Key punching time
6. Final report and documentation time

The above times were pro-rated at certain cost levels.

1. Manual systems analysis cost ..................$10.00/hr.
2. Initial programming cost .....................10.00/hr.
3. Debugging costs ..............................10.00/hr.
4. Consultation fees ..............................40.00/hr.
5. Key punching costs ...........................2.50/hr.
6. Final report and doc. costs ..................10.00/hr.
(These costs are illustrative only.)

Second, the student was exposed to a few cost models that are useful in evaluating alternative plans of purchasing unit record equipment. Such concepts as depreciation, useful life, amortization, salvage value, down time, direct and indirect costs were integrated into the cost criteria for accepting or rejecting a given plan.

And third, since there has been an increasing tendency for libraries to join or participate in networking projects to reduce various costs, such as OCLC or Inter-library loan, it was necessary to expose the student to underlying concepts of networking and experience the development of a few computerized by-products of networking. Central emphasis was on a Union List of Serials (ULS). While time did not permit the students to write their own computer programs for a small simulated ULS, a program written by the teacher exposed the student to a few specifics that have to be considered in developing a ULS.

In brief, the simulated ULS was divided into a main entry section and subject section. The main entry section had two types of entries: (1) the main entry and (2) title changes referring the reader to the main entry for complete information. Main entries had the following information: (1) main entry; (2) publisher; (3) starting date of publication; (4) history of title changes; and (5) library holdings — five libraries were part of the union list system. Another feature of the main entry section were the specialized overprint effects utilized to contrast the main entry with the other information underneath it. Whenever there was a title change with its appropriate referral to a main entry, the main entry in the cross reference was also overprinted. The subject section of the ULS overprinted the subject entry so that there would be a visual contrast between the subject entry and the relevant journal titles listed below the subject.

Since only fifty titles with pertinent information were included in the data base for
Figure 1. Sample Main Entries

ACCOUNT
SIN--JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING
ACCOUNTING
SIN--JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING
ACCOUNTING JOURNAL
SIN--JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING
ACM JOURNAL
SIN--AMERICAN COMPUTING MACHINERY JOURNAL
ADVANCED MANAGEMENT
NEW YORK, QUARTERLY:
CHRI 1958-1962
EMSUI 1963-1967
DUI 1968, 1969
TITLE CHANGES:
MANAGEMENT OF THE ADVANCED, 1958-1969
BULLETIN OF MANAGEMENT, 1969
AMERICAN BUILDER
NEW YORK, SIMMONS, BOARDMAN PUBLISHING, MONTHLY
1922
TITLE CHANGES:
AMERICAN BUILDING INDUSTRY, 1922-1949
AMERICAN BUILDING INDUSTRY, 1949-1969
AMERICAN BUILDER
SIN--AMERICAN BUILDER
AMERICAN COMPUTER JOURNAL
Mayleene Hill, NEW YORK, N. Y.:
1960
NU 1 1960
DUI 1961, 1962
TITLE CHANGES:
ACM JOURNAL
AMERICAN DOCUMENTATION
SIN--JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE
ANALYSTS JOURNAL
NEW YORK, SOCIETY OF SECURITY ANALYSTS, FIVE TIMES A YEAR
1960
CHEM 1960
EMSUI 1961
DUI 1962
TITLE CHANGES:
JOURNAL OF ANALYSTS, 1960-61
ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY JOURNAL
NEW YORK, IN T. 9TH ST, ACM, BIMONTHLY

Figure 2. Sample Subject Entries

ACCOUNTANCY
JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING
ACCOUNTING
JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING
JOURNAL OF COMMERCE
JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS
JOURNAL OF MARKETING
JOURNAL OF MARKETING RESEARCH
ACCOUNTING--AUTOMATION
JOURNAL OF MACHINERY ACCOUNTING
ACCOUNTING--RESEARCH
JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING
ADMINISTRATION
ADVANCED MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE ON MANAGEMENT RECORD
INFORMATION SERVICE BULLETIN
AUTOMATIC INFORMATION HANDLING
DATA PROCESSING
DATA PROCESSING DIGEST
SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
AUTOMATION RESEARCH
FOR JOURNAL OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
AUTOMATION--LABOR DISPLACEMENT
DATA PROCESSING
BANKING--MORTGAGES
SAVINGS AND LOAN FACT BOOK
BOND ANALYSTS ANALYSTS JOURNAL
BORIS BERENSON NATIONAL FINANCIAL WEEKLY
BUILDING INDUSTRY
AMERICAN BUILDER
BUSINESS
BUSINESS WEEK
COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL WEEKLY
HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

the ULS and five libraries listed in the holdings, the ULS provided a convenient starting point for illustrating the notions of a network. The following networking notions were stressed: nodes, paths, switching nodes, resource nodes, and potential and observed system loading.

A simulative networking model of library holdings was set up where some of the libraries had complete holdings of some journals and others had varying degrees of holdings of other titles. The distribution of titles was determined by the ULS. Then a path matrix emphasizing potential system load was derived. It was then predicted which libraries would receive the majority of inter-library loan demands. Once the prediction had been made, it was then possible to experiment with the designation of another member node in the network as a switching node to re-distribute or equalize the flow of demands. These networking concepts were then interpreted in terms of costs, or rather, the distribution of costs to member nodes in the network. Any library unusually loaded with demands would either need more funding, or a "bubble" investment would have to be made to increase resource holdings in another node so as to parcel out demands more equally. Specific cost units were included in this simulation to gain an insight into the overall cost of a library saturated with inter-library loan demands, and how the costs might be redistributed within the network to reduce the demand on the "saturated" node.

While there were many other items covered in the course, the important point remains that there was a data processing emphasis not normally found in library science courses. In the course described, the student was exposed to realistic problems of manual and automated files and had an opportunity to program and manipulate such records on the computer. In addition, the student became aware of the enormous cost and time implications involved in any automation endeavor.

There were varying degrees of success
and failure with the experimental course. Although there was a diligent effort made in class to teach the material on a basic level, the students had many problems absorbing the information conveyed in class. Also, there were other problems. First, the teacher assumed that the library students had a basic understanding of manual library processes and file structures. This assumption turned out to be partially false. Thus, some time was spent filling in these particular basics. Second, the majority of students seem to come from backgrounds that do not emphasize detailed, step-by-step logical thinking, a necessary pre-requisite to the comprehension of data processing techniques. Third, there was the problem of time. A small portion of the students did not devote the time needed to write, test, and debug a computer program. Fourth, automation rhetoric was so different that some had trouble understanding what was communicated. This might have been due from simply a lack of previous student background as a basis to which to relate new material. And fifth, the largest problem seemed to be mental blocks many students experienced in the quantification of costs in the few cost models that were studied.

It is interesting to note the parallel problems in the experimental course and problems identified by Allen B. Veaner as “deficiencies within the library environment” in adopting automation in libraries. (“Institutional political and fiscal factors in the development of library automation, 1967-71,” Journal of Library Automation. 7(No. 1, 1974)pp 5-26). The following is a brief listing of those problems: (pp. 8-9)

1. Failure to understand in full detail the current manual system . . .
2. Inability to communicate design specifications . . .
3. Failure to understand the development process . . .
4. Failure to recognize the computer as a finite source . . .
5. Excessive or unrealistic performance expectations . . .
6. Lack of an estimated tradition in research and development and the lack of venture capital in the library community . . .
7. Human problems . . . (User related)
8. Insufficient support from top management . . .

Rather than belaboring the similarities in the problem incurred in the experimental class and those identified in the field, a cursory examination of the two sets of problems does lead one to the conclusion that more rigorous training is needed in data processing techniques for librarians (and students). It would also be helpful if some of the far reaching implications of library data processing, such as networking, were examined in detail so as to illustrate the costs of a system implementation and how to redistribute these costs should a given part of the system becomes saturated with demands. While the experimental course was an attempt to fill this void, the problems with course suggest that there should be a series of courses that relate to library data processing. One course proved insufficient. Outside courses have proven inadequate supplements.

The library is an expensive and extensive investment in any community. As a result, the people who are trained to serve in these institutions should be trained to be analytical of library processes and apply technology to increase the utility of the various processes.

Such training also holds implications for the participatory management model of decision-making. If more librarians had a higher level of technical expertise, individual contributions to the decision-making process would have a higher degree of credibility and collective decision-making would produce effective plans for improvement of library processes. Also, the outside expert would not appear so “expert.”
Lobby for the Library

Mary Esther Saxon

Lobby (vb). To conduct activities (as engaging in personal contacts or the dissemination of information) with the objective of influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body with regard to legislation and other policy decisions. (Webster, 3rd New International Dictionary)

Many members of the library profession, as members of the state and national associations, do not realize that they are members of one of the very active lobbying groups on both the state and national scene.

The American Library Association maintains a Washington, D.C. office to stay abreast of current legislation that will affect library programs and to solicit legislative support for these programs.

At the state level in the Oklahoma Library Association, the Library Development Committee as part of its role attempts to encourage support not only for national programs but state legislative programs that may have a direct effect on libraries.

The boundaries of this legislation are wider than is generally assumed. Most members of the library profession in the past several years have become very familiar with the Title I, II, and III programs of the Library Services and Construction Act as originally passed and later amended. But probably fewer members are immediately aware of the impact of legislation on libraries that runs the gamut from a bill on increased postal rates to a Freedom of Information Act.

Historically the word "lobby" developed because concerned groups could not go to the legislative floors to appeal for their interests and met instead with their elected representatives in the lobbies adjacent to the legislative chambers. In recent years, unfortunately, the term has developed evil or shady connotations because some few lobby groups have exhibited undue pressure on individual legislators with the promise of financial or material renumeration, and a small minority of legislators have succumbed to this type of payoff. These suspect actions on the part of a few are eroding what is in fact a very effective part of the legislative process.

In a democratic society the concept of "majority rule" is idealized. In fact on the state and national scene it operates only as well as minority opinions are coalesced to form a majority. An Individual person may be a lobby for certain causes. When a concerned citizen writes a letter to his Congressman about a legislative issue he is a lobbyist. A citizen may lobby for several groups because of the plurality of roles any individual can fill in our society — i.e., as a parent, member of a profession, member of a union, taxpayer, member of an ethnic group or particular age group such as senior citizens.

It is the responsibility of any member of a lobbying group continually to inform the lobby leadership of his views on legislative concerns. There is a reciprocal duty on the part of the leadership to keep the members informed of pending legislation. ALA publicizes impending legislation in the ALA Washington Newsletter which is sent to all members.

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institutional members of ALA. Because of budget limitations the letter is not sent to individual members but any part of the letter may be copied. The hope of the ALA office is that each institution will keep its staff aware of current legislative developments.

At the state level "networking" has proved one of the more effective means of input and feedback to legislative groups. This is a chain development branching out from a central leader or office to inform concerned members over a large area who in turn contact other members. Reaction to proposals can return the same way. Experience seems to prove that, in the library profession, networking can be most effectively handled through the professional organization—in this state, OLA.

One type of library agency should be outside the lobby process. Misunderstanding has arisen over the role of state library agencies such as the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. These agencies are by and large legislative reference agencies, in some cases depositories for state archives, and also responsible for development of library services over the state. However, they are not and should not be a lobby group. These agencies are dependent upon state tax moneys to operate and must work and co-operate with whatever political party has office or power. By their very nature, these libraries must be apolitical.

Given an operating framework which already exists for the library at the national level and, in many cases at the state level, the question can then be asked: "Is a lobby effective?"

Mr. Robert Frase, at times consulting economist for ALA and at one time director of the Joint Washington Office of the American Book Publishers Council and the American Textbook Publishers Institute, believes that "Although individual members of Congress must introduce every bill, almost every piece of legislation of any significance must have some further sponsorship and support if it is to have any chance of success. . . . The three principal sources of sponsorship of a bill are the administration in power, outside pressure or interest groups and the members of Congress themselves — in about that order of importance in the usual case." 1

Robert Presthus in his book Elite in the Policy Process states: "Legislators constantly refer, for example, to the fact that lobbyists never lie to them (or, perhaps more accurately, that they only lie once) when presenting their version of the 'facts' (i.e., the substantive element) of an issue, and that lobbyists typically separate their ideological position from the 'factual' one. Despite some assertions to the contrary, most legislators generally indicate that such information is the most valuable benefit they receive from interest groups." 2

The important point to note it would seem is that the effectiveness of a lobby depends on its credibility and the reliability of the information given to legislators. The Oklahoma library profession has the channel already established via the ALA Washington office and the OLA Library Development Committee. Their effectiveness in large measure is dependent upon the continued input and interest of each individual member.

References

Plan Now to Attend

OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

68th Annual Conference
April 10-12, 1975
Sheraton Inn-Skyline, Tulsa
Oklahoma Library Association
68th Annual Conference
April 10, 11, 12, 1975
Sheraton Inn-Skyline
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Shortly after the close of the 67th Annual Conference of OLA the program committee began to function in preparation for the 68th conference. After reviewing last year's conference and on the suggestion of OLA members and exhibitors the committee decided to return to the traditional format for the conference. The conference will begin on Thursday afternoon, April 10, and run through the Sequoyah Luncheon on Saturday, April 12.

With these decisions made concerning the conference format the committee proceeded to select an appropriate theme and suggest potential speakers and resource persons to attend the conference. The theme selected was "Funding is Fundamental." The committee and the Executive Board feel the theme and emphasis on funding appropriate especially in light of rising costs in operating libraries and the apparent shortage of funds to meet these rising costs.

Several persons have been contacted to address the conference with some already accepting. Others have been contacted as speakers and resource persons for programs. Mr. Frederic J. Glazer, Librarian, West Virginia State Library, has agreed to serve as the conference consultant and make the Keynote address for the conference. Mr. Glazer will be reporting on the success his state has had in recent years in securing additional funding for all types of libraries. Another important program will be presented under the leadership of Ailie Bath Martin. Mrs. Martin will make a prepared statement about the present and future financial problems of libraries in Oklahoma. Her statement will be followed by a panel discussion with the panel members composed of a group of persons who deal directly or indirectly with the funding for libraries.

One problem which the committee encountered early in the planning stage for the program was that in past years there were too many good Division and Roundtable program meetings going on at the same time making it impossible for the membership to attend some of the meetings they would have liked to attend. Therefore the program committee encouraged Divisions and Roundtables to meet jointly in order to allow a longer period of time for a program and yet allow time to conduct Division or Roundtable business. Also by having fewer meetings and allowing some time between conference events the committee hoped and want to encourage the membership to show good support to the exhibitors.

The Local Arrangements Committee under the leadership of Ruth Harrington is busy making necessary arrangements and plans for the conference so we will be able to have a smoothly run and enjoyable conference. The Sheraton Inn-Skyline is a very attractive and new facility located on one of the main interstate thoroughfares in Tulsa. It should be easy to reach from all points in the state. There will be maps to show how to reach the conference hotel when pre-registration materials are mailed to the membership.
Program

THURSDAY, April 10, 1975

11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

OLA Executive Board
Registration
Exhibits
Special Libraries
Social Responsibility Roundtable
O.L.A. General Membership Meeting
1st General Session
Frederic J. Glazer-Speaker

FRIDAY, April 11, 1975

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Registration
Exhibits
Joint Meeting:
College & University Divisions and
Reference Division
Joint Meeting: Children's Young Peoples
Division, School Librarians Division,
Library Educators Division
2nd General Session
Joint Meeting: Trustees Division, Public
Libraries Division
Joint Meeting: Technical Service Division,
and Automation Roundtable
3rd General Session:
Panel Discussion on the Financial Condition
of libraries in Oklahoma
Exhibitors Party

SATURDAY, April 12, 1975

7:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

Past Presidents Breakfast
Registration
Exhibits
OLA General Business Meeting
Conference Evaluation—
Frederic Glazer, Conference Consultant
Sequoyah Luncheon
68th Conference Adjournment
Outreach-a Dialogue for Better Understanding

"Once a man, twice a child"
"I want to die young but late as possible"

Guess what! There is another profession out there. They are as humane as librarians. They serve the elderly in Nursing Homes. They kick, fuss, cuss, are very emotional, and have a compassion to adequately serve their residents. They also have an image to fight. As one nursing home representative sternly expressed, "Our homes are not places for people to come and die! So many people do not know what we are doing!" Does this sound familiar?

The quotations below the article’s title and many other beautiful expressions were exchanged between librarians and nursing home personnel during three scheduled workshops sponsored by the Oklahoma Nursing Home Association, Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Choctaw Nation Multi-County Library System.

These workshops were designed with three objectives in mind: For all to learn and understand more of the operations of libraries and nursing homes; to begin the initial planning toward extending the libraries’ programs and services to nursing homes; and last, to appoint outreach volunteers to carry out these programs and services on a regularly scheduled basis.

The sessions were opened with John Hinkle, Outreach Consultant for the Department of Libraries, explaining why volunteers are needed, who they are, what they do, and where they come from. John also presented his SLICE film program which effectively conveys the specific duties of the volunteer and the recommended approach of rendering service to Senior Citizens.

Bill Strain

Following John’s presentation, the librarians were called upon to explain to the nursing home representatives the operation of their libraries, services rendered, policies, procedures and available resources. Then the program was turned over to the other side and the nursing home representatives told their story. At this point, the sessions became quite interesting! Emotions were immediately projected. This was spontaneous in all three workshops. The fact is, many staff members had never come in contact with their counterparts across town. They had an insatiable thirst to talk with someone and to relate their experiences. The workshops brought them together and dialogue was immediate. Their emotions were varied. Concern and scorn were shown when discussing HEW regulations; gratification was shown as some told of successfully elevating a resident from a depressed state; and laughter was frequent as comical happenings were described as an every day occurrence.

One story told was of a fight that broke out in a room accommodating two male bed patients. It seemed the episode occurred during the peak of a political campaign; because the two elderly gents were engaged in a heated political debate. The circumstance provided an explosive situation since they were assigned as roommates and each supported opposite political parties. Both became so irate that they locked their canes on the other’s bed frame and pulled closer. A healthy exchange of fist

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throwing was the result. Film coverage of that episode would be invaluable!

Many of the representatives conveyed a very liberal attitude toward the private rights of their residents. One administrator mentioned that romances are not uncommon: "If they want to go behind closed doors and do a little petting, they should be allowed." The right to take a nip once in a while was also discussed. This subject was even extended to—"Don't they have a right to get drunk, if it does not place a hardship on staff and other residents?" Are not their desires, cravings and drives just as sacred as others, and their rights to satisfy these feelings just as deserving of protection?

Once they had finished relating their most memorable experiences, a typical day was described. As various phases of the nursing home operation were explained, it was clearly evident that nursing homes were changing in nature. These representatives were also correct in their assertion that people have a distorted image of nursing homes and have no idea what is really happening. No longer are they exclusively boarding homes or physical care facilities. Remotivation is the key word now. The ultimate goal is to elevate a resident from an acute physical and depressed state to a status of an active contributing member to his community. All nursing home personnel unanimously agreed that Oklahoma is in the forefront in the philosophy of nursing home administration and operation. Today, as you enter their doors, a new scene is apparent. A program may be in session conducted by the Head of Diversionary Services. Individual attention may be seen given to a dejected resident by an employee specializing in remotivation. An LPN may be in our office checking her charts to determine patient progress. As you enter the kitchen, it is very probable a dietician will be found planning next week’s menu. All of these personnel will be under the supervision of a degreed or certified management person.

"Since we have nothing started here, we are going to start from scratch." "What was your name again, so I can call you." Dialogue between the librarian and her community's nursing home representatives was the last segment of the conference. The ground work had been laid and now it was time to do some "brain storming" and establish a plan of action. The tempo increased as interest accelerated through the day. When pencil and paper was drawn, this enthusiasm converted to the end product-outreach programs!

It was gratifying to see innovative ideas suggested and both parties agreeing "Let's do it!" Some groups wanted to contact local civic groups for the purpose of acquiring magnifying aids for easier reading. These accessories would make available the entire holdings of the library and eliminate complete dependence on large print materials. Other libraries are planning to check out the microfilm reader to nursing homes so the elderly can gather around and discuss particular headlines of yesterday. Can you picture several elderly gents reeling through World War I events and reminiscing over certain military campaigns?

Our Book by Mail service was also discussed and many nursing home officials eagerly took catalogs of our holdings. This one service has much potential (if visual reading aids are available) for it provides 800 paperback titles for them to select at their leisure with postage free both ways. Film programs were being scheduled, displays of crafts made by the elderly were discussed for future exhibits in the libraries. Another innovative program was the possibility of establishing a Senior Citizens Center Co-op of Volunteers. Since these people actively participate in the Senior Citizen Center's programs, they could also be active volunteers for extending outreach services. What other group would be more willing to contribute to their community than the elderly! During one of these dialogues, something unexpected happened. Nursing home representatives turned the tables and
mentioned things their staffs were doing for the library. How about that! One program described by an idabel representative, and already taking place, was a community action project to raise funds for various public service institutions in the area. The library would be the first benefactor. This community action group is not affiliated with the nursing home, but the membership is made up of many nursing home employees. That's rapport at its best.

Probably the most unique program discussed was utilizing the services of Choctaw and Italian bi-lingual speaking residents in the nursing homes. These people could record front page daily news in Choctaw and Italian into cassettes. The librarians could then make the cassettes available to those non English speaking citizens residing in the area. What a unique local history collection!

As the dialogue progressed, many nursing home people became surprised at the variety of services and resources the library had to offer. Many acknowledge that librarians could substantially add to the re-motivation process and to their diversionary services.

It was stated at the beginning of this report that one of our objectives was to find volunteers and utilize these people as the main vehicle for outreach. It was concluded by all that since both institutions have limitations in time, staff and money, volunteers are the only practical answer for a viable outreach service established with solidarity and permanence. This volunteer search is now being carried on as a joint effort between librarians and their area nursing home representatives. John Hinkle has provided sample radio spots, news releases, book marks, etc., to aid us in our search.

John did stress that once volunteers have been selected, trained, and the program becomes operational, these volunteers cannot be taken for granted, and never recognized for their efforts. They are just like anyone else and need a slap on the back once in a while. John added that in order to keep their enthusiasm and interest high, other rewards must be offered such as: news releases acknowledging the volunteer's contribution the community, frequent gestures of appreciation from the local Board or Friends of the Library, a librarian's constant reminder to her volunteer that her services are appreciated and an asset to the library's operation.

Our System will probably recognize outreach volunteers as members of the Multi-County staff. They would receive all correspondence, be allowed travel expenses and have the opportunity to attend staff meetings, workshops and conferences. We feel that if volunteers serve in this capacity, their total involvement will be carried out with more pride and thoroughness.

Similar workshops are now in the planning stages for independent public libraries in Ponca City, Enid and Stillwater, in January. These workshops will be sponsored by the Department of Libraries and Oklahoma State Nursing Home Association and the Public Library Division of Oklahoma Library Association.

To wrap-up, I think too long librarians have neglected this segment of our society. Yesterday, libraries were primarily in-house operations and any suggestion to extend services beyond the front entry doors was quickly swept under the carpet. Sympathetic indifference is slowly changing to one of concern. Workshops such as these have been an eye opener to many of us. Many librarians are soul searching and asking themselves “Have I purposely ignored them?” or “Am I doing enough?” If you are not examining your total resources for outreach, you are not doing enough. As was mentioned in one session, “These people are, or have been, taxpayers and have a right to public services.” They receive fire protection, police protection, church services, government assistance in health and finance, — Where is the LIBRARY!!
R. A. Lafferty has come up with his eleventh book since 1968: *Does Anyone Else Have Something Further to Add?* (Scribner’s), a collection of sixteen comic fantasies. The bulk of Lafferty’s earlier works fall into the category of fantasy and science fiction also, but fellow Oklahomans know him best for his memorable re-creation of Indian life in the historical novel *Okla Hannall*.

*Yesterday’s Addicts*, edited by H. Wayne Morgan (O.U. Press), is a social history of drug abuse in the United States from 1865 to 1920, reflected in original periodical documents. The problem of drug abuse in the second half of the nineteenth century was not so different from today’s, according to Professor Morgan, but the contrast between social attitudes then and now was marked. For one thing, hard drugs were accessible worldwide, and prior to 1914, opiates were available to virtually anyone. Addicts were pitied; there was no glamour in addiction. The gradual change in social and legal responses from 1865 to 1920 is seen as a reflection of the uniquely American outlook of merged idealism and materialism. Dr. Morgan, a professor of history at the University of Oklahoma, has authored and edited over a dozen books and written numerous articles on American social, political and cultural history of this period.

A second graduate of Central State University’s program in Creative Studies has made it. Brenda Canary’s novel *Home to the Mountain* will be published in hardcover by Walker and in paperback by Ballantine this year. The novel, set in Eastern Oklahoma, will also be serialized in *Cosmopolitan* magazine this spring.

There is a stimulating roster of speakers still to be presented as part of the 1974-75 Contemporary Artists Series in Norman under the joint sponsorship of the University of Oklahoma English Department, the English Forum and the Speakers’ Bureau: Ted Berrigan, poet, critic, educator and editor is scheduled for February 10-12; Carol Berge, poet and novelist, whose recent novel *Acts of Love: An American Novel*, received critical acclaim, is scheduled for February 24-26; Adrienne Rich, 1974 recipient of the National Book Award for poetry will be here April 7-9; and Barry Beckman, considered by many to be the finest black novelist in contemporary America, is tentatively scheduled for April 21-23. This is the same series that brought Joseph Heller, John Barth, Allen Ginsberg, Stephen Spender and James Welch to the Norman campus in recent years.

*The Island*, Winston Weathers’ latest volume of poetry, is a quadricum—a work for four voices. Performed around the state, and well received, the work presents three themes: island life in Penobscot Bay, the metaphorical island-life of human insularity, and the integrating use of human love and imagination to bring our lives together. Weathers, a professor of English at the University of Tulsa, is well known for his poetry and fiction—his essays on literature and the craft of writing are widely read. *The Island* is available for $1.00 from Joseph Nichols Publishers, Tulsa.

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On November 7, I attended the Regional Library Media Workshop held at the Oklahoma City Area Vo-Tech Center. There were many items of interest discussed that I would like to pass along.

1) The State Department of Education is now involved in the educational television network. They are especially promoting three series of interest to Oklahomans. "Cover-to-Cover," as described in the teachers manual available from the State Department, is a thirty-two program color television series designed to introduce fourth and fifth graders to a variety of exciting and well-written books, a series that you and your students can enjoy together.

**Bread and Butterflies** is a career development series of fifteen 15-minute color broadcasts designed for nine-to-twelve-year olds. A curriculum guide for teachers is available from the State Department of Education.

The third series is entitled **Update Education**. Sheila Alexander and Helen Luffman of the Library and Equipment Section of the State Department of Education will represent us on a broadcast scheduled for April 15 at 9:00 p.m. Tulsa area viewers may see all of these series on Channel 11 while Oklahoma City viewers will watch Channel 13.

2) The workshop also announced that samples of accountability objectives would be available by writing Sheila or Helen. While you are writing, you might also be interested in scheduling a new 16 mm Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation film, entitled "Learning With Today's Media." It would be most useful for P.T.A. programs and faculty groups.

3) A new library curriculum guide, revised in terms of goals and objectives, is to be mailed to all persons on the Library and Equipment Section mailing list. If your name is not on the list, be sure to notify Sheila so that you can receive your copy.

We are proud that Sara Jane Bell has been named the Regional Director for
AASL. She is extremely interested in seeing our many Oklahoma school librarians join ALA and especially AASL. She asked that I pass along the following information.

Become involved at the national level in the organization that speaks for you and works for you. Join or rejoin ALA — select AASL!

Last year AASL was able to bring in 2,061 new members. We hope to bring in even more this year and also increase the number of renewal memberships.

There is a special **Introductory Offer** for those joining ALA for the first time. Your regular membership dues of $35.00 will entitle you to one free division: AASL. If you are renewing your membership, the fee is $50.00 and will include the $35.00 basic ALA dues and $15.00 for membership in AASL. Ten dollars of your dues will cover a subscription fee to *American Librarians*. One dollar and twenty-five cents is for **School Media Quarterly**. Miss Sheila Alexander has the membership forms you need. Join now — send your membership application to:

ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Dr. Laverne Carroll, acting director of the O.U. School of Library Science, attended the first General Council meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations held in the United States.

The meeting, November 16 thru November 23, was held in Washington, D.C. Dr. Carroll attended as a member of the American Library Association. Over 75 nations were represented in the 1,000 delegates. The theme was “National and International Library Planning.”

Dr. Carroll is chairperson of the Planning Group on School Libraries. She was involved in planning an international course and a training course for school librarians.

In case you did not receive a brochure from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, a new service has been added that is especially beneficial to school librarians. It is called the Juvenile Book Evaluation Center and is made possible by State and Federal funds under the Library Services and Construction Act. Housed on the first floor of the new Oklahoma Department of Libraries Building, 200 NE 18th Street, the Juvenile Book Review Collection provides a great opportunity to handle and evaluate the current year’s books and those for the year immediately preceding. The center is open during normal office hours of the Library Services Branch of ODC, 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Some important dates follow for you to mark on your calendars.

a) January 31 is the voting date for the Sequoyah Children’s Book Award. I wonder which masterlist selection will be this year’s winner.

b) Friday, February 21 is the date of a special OASL sponsored institute for librarians and media center specialists called “Accountability in School Media Centers.” It will be held from 9:30 — 2:30 at the Southgate Inn, 5245 S.I. 35. Advanced registrations only will be accepted. The $3.50 fee must accompany your application. This fee will cover the cost of registration, meal, and a special packet of materials which includes examples of accountability goals and objectives. If you are interested in sharing any accountability materials your school system may have developed, please send these items to Mrs. Ame Gorena, Putnam City West High School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73127. Consultant for the institute is Mrs. Marilyn Miller, Associate Professor of the School of Librarianship, Western Michigan University. Hurry and send in your registration. The institution will be limited to 150 participants. More information will be sent to you from OASL and will also appear in the **Oklahoma Educator**.

It is voting time again for the new executive board of OASL. Ballots will be mailed to you along with the application for the accountability institute. Be sure to return

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RISE

John Hinkle
-Outreach Consultant
Oklahoma Department of Libraries

Pat Hunt
President
Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers

How would you like to have 100 people in your community looking for the parents of pre-schoolers to tell these parents the importance of reading readiness, and to tell the parents why they should grab their child, sit that child on their lap and read them stories from the public library? While these 100 people are at it, they are also championing story hour at the library, and these 100 volunteers can also direct their energy toward helping the kids in school that can’t read. Sounds impossible? It has started happening right now in Oklahoma and the project is called RISE.

At the 1974 Oklahoma Educators Association meeting RISE supporters handed out 1,750 brochures to teachers and administrators as they shopped thru their exhibits area. Along with the brochure went a verbal pitch that started like this “Do you have any students with reading problems in your school?” The answer from 1,745 teachers usually was “you’ve got to be kidding—it’s our number one problem!”

Teachers aren’t the only ones to be informed about RISE. John Hinkle, Outreach Consultant for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries was one of the kick-off speakers for the State PTA convention this November, the subject was RISE. The plea was for parents to get busy in their own community helping solve Oklahoma’s reading problem. Hinkle used the U.S. census figure percentage for Oklahoma and asked one-third of his audience to stand, “This is the ratio of Oklahomans that are classified as functional illiterates, and unless there is
a big push these next few years from parents, teachers, volunteers and librarians, the gap of illiteracy will widen. One of the initial steps in prevention of illiteracy is simple and enjoyable, the basis of the solution is the simple act of reading to young children. The cures in later years has a chancy recovery rate."

Project RISE stands for Reading Improvement Services Everywhere and is the national PTA's involvement in the Right to Read effort. The objectives for both projects are the same—"to ensure that by 1980 no child shall leave school without the skill and the desire necessary to read to the full limits of his capability." If this goal were being met, Oklahoma would have children from the sixth grade on their way to reading proficiency. Who in 1975 can honestly utter that statement?

Librarians are ready, teachers are ready, parents and students are ready and little action has been taken on the local level. Why? Because librarians, teachers, and parents on the local level are not taking the initiative and are not creating programs and are not involved, and are waiting for someone else to say "Go."

"GO!"
"DO!"

The state PTA office (555 East Constitution Street, Norman, Oklahoma 73069) has a free "How to" Booklet that tells all you need to know to get a RISE program started. They also have a color film strip with accompanying audio tape cassette that can be used in a small or large group titled "One Child in Four" that will awaken that group to the fact that one child in four in the United States does have a severe reading problem. The film also has the tone necessary for discussion and action following its presentation.

The RISE Volunteer program calls for an area to pool its best resources. For example: advice from optometrists to help screen for myopia, etc.; public librarians to help direct story hour programs in the library as well as give direction to story-telling and reading-aloud hours in public housing projects; volunteers to offer to escort parents and/or their preschool children on a tour of the public library, and show them how to get library cards and take out books; additional volunteers to act as reader/listeners in the classroom so that teachers may spend more time on individual children with reading problems.

The program calls for commitment and involvement from an informed school board, and, of supreme importance, is the acceptance of the school all the way from the superintendent to the individual classroom teacher.

Early reports around the U.S. are favorable. Kansas has money set aside for workshops and is projecting 10,000 reading tutors the first year of RISE. In Arkansas Little Rock is setting up 2-day training sessions. Atlantic City, N.J. has parents of the inner city into the school once a week, and they are given tips and material to help their

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children. (RISE has the ability to adapt to local needs.) Minnesota’s Governor has asked for $200,000 additional state funds over their federal funds of $300,000. Pennsylvania has 2,000 persons trained as tutors of reading. Oklahoma’s effort is almost exclusively concentrated in the metropolitan area, and nowhere in the state is there a concentrated drive to reach the pre-school children, and the tragedy is that it doesn’t have to be this way.

Volunteers cost staff time, but they are worth the price.

The PTA’s are local logical sponsoring organization with the people to do the job. The film strip is a free loan. The brochure is free. The problem is getting worse. Go. Do.

Revision of “Outstanding” Booklists

Ruth E. Smith
Chairman, “Outstanding” Lists Revision Committee

During the past decade the five “Outstanding” booklists published by the Young Adults Services Division of ALS have been used as guides to good reading by hundreds of thousands of young adults in school and public libraries across the country.

A committee of YASD members is now at work revising and updating the five lists: “Outstanding Biographies,” “Outstanding Books on the Now Scene,” “Outstanding Fiction,” “Outstanding Non-Fiction,” “Outstanding Theater.”

The committee welcomes suggestions for additions and deletions in the five categories. Send your suggestions to the chairman of the committee before the 1975 Annual Conference in San Francisco: Ruth E. Smith, 9047 Lamon Ave., Skokie, IL 60076.

Appointments at Osteopathic College Library

Karen Woodworth
Health Professions and Community Relations Coordinator

Miss Linda L. Logan has been appointed Medical Librarian at the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Tulsa. She received her Master of Library Science degree in 1971 from the University of Oklahoma, with studies in special and medical libraries and library automation, and is a member of Beta Phi Mu, international library science honorary. Miss Logan formerly was Acquisitions and Technical Processing Librarian, Tulsa Junior College. She also has served as Naval Communication Station Personnel Officer at Stockton, California, with rank of Lieutenant, and as Assistant Communications Officer at Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Florida.

Linda L. Logan
Sheri A. Jones

Mrs. Sheri A. Jones has joined the staff as Assistant Medical Librarian. She was granted the M.L.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1974 and has had special training in medical librarianship and audiovisual media. Mrs. Jones formerly was a student assistant in the University of Oklahoma Libraries, and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, national history honorary.
Susy's Scoundrel
By Harold Keith
Illustrations by John Schoenherr

It takes an Oklahoma author to write a real Oklahoma story for children. It's Newbery winner Harold Keith who's done it! In a fast-paced, exciting story, Reddy, a wild coyote, is threatened by western Oklahoma ranchers who hunt him for bounty in the name of wildlife control. But it's the determination and concern of Susy, a little Amish girl, that finally saves him. Marvelous illustrations by award-winning animal illustrator John Schoenherr capture the Oklahoma scene. $4.95

If Susy Zook, a little Amish girl, had not wanted a coyote for a pet, this story would never have happened.
OLA and SWLA Membership Dues

Mary Beth Ozmun
OLA Membership Chairman

Annual dues of the OKLAHOMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION are due and payable on January 1st of each year. Dues include membership in one of the following divisions or roundtables: Children's and Young People's Services, College and University, Library Educator's, Public Libraries, Reference, School Libraries, Technical Services, Trustees, Automation and Social Responsibilities.

Dues of the Librarian members are based on the present annual salary:
- Salary not in excess of $4,000 ........ $ 4.00
- Salary of $4,000 to $5,999.99 .......... 7.00
- Salary of $6,000 to $8,999.99 .......... 10.00
- Salary of $9,000 or more ............. 15.00
- Dues of fulltime students ............ 2.00
- Dues of trustees and lay members .................. 4.00
- Additional division memberships and/or roundtables — each — ........ $ 1.00

Dues of library institutions are based on the total annual income of the previous fiscal period:
- Income not in excess of $50,000 $ 10.00
- Income of $50,000 to $500,000 .... 25.00
- Income of $500,000 or more ....... 50.00
- Dues of non-library association, institution or organization members shall be $10.00

According to the By-laws of the Oklahoma Library Association, delinquent OLA members "shall be notified once, in writing, not later than January 15th, and if dues are not paid within sixty days of the notification date they shall be dropped from the roster of active members." DUES MUST BE PAID BY FEBRUARY 15th IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A BALLOT FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS!

Consult the dues schedule and send your check for both OLA and SWLA dues with your membership forms to:
OLA Executive Secretary, 1629 Camden Way, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116
SOUTHWESTERN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION dues are also due and payable January 1st as follows:
- Individual memberships .......... $ 5.00
- Life memberships .................. 100.00
- Institutional Memberships:
  - Yearly Budget
  - Biennial Dues
  - Under $40,000 ........ $ 6.00
  - Over $40,000 ........ 10.00

SWLA dues may be paid with your OLA dues, or mailed direct to: SWLA, 1975 Membership, 7371 Paldao, Dallas, Texas 75240.

On The Agenda —
ALA Midwinter,
January 1975

Irma R. Tomberlin
ALA Councilor

Midwinter, 1975 promises to be a full and interesting meeting, and should get off to an excellent start with the Council Orientation Session on Sunday, January 19 from 8 until 12. This session was planned by President Elect Allie Beth Martin and her committee, in response to action taken in New York last summer. This action recognized the need for Council members, both new and old, to have the opportunity to discuss informally important matters to be brought before Council, and to be better informed as to the duties and responsibilities of Council. It is of vital importance for new Counciors, and I feel that this 'old' councilor will surely benefit from the session.

There are three resolutions from the membership of ALA which will come up for action. One of these pertains to the endorsement by ALA of the right of library
workers to protest discrimination, of whatever nature, through various grievance mechanisms, and that these protests should be made without fear of retaliation.

A second proposal relates to support from ALA in urging institutional members to send personal member employees to annual meetings before extending the same privilege to non-members. The third resolution is concerned with the difficulties encountered by physically handicapped persons in moving freely through the meeting and exhibit areas. The proposal recommends that the various committees involved in planning meetings be sensitive to the needs of the handicapped in making conference arrangements.

The Executive Board of ALA met October 28 with the Division Presidents and Executive Secretaries to discuss and reach agreement on the activities and services to be provided to the divisions from the basic membership fee of $35, and the costs which divisions will assume from the $15 divisional fee. The recommendations resulting from this meeting will be presented to Council, together with the recommendations of the Executive Board’s Subcommittee on Dues Transition. A few of the recommendations of the Subcommittee which may be of interest are:

1. A special $25 promotional membership for ALTA new members.

2. A subsidy for 1975 and 1976 for ASLA, HRDS, and LED since their present membership level may not enable them to sustain their activities.

3. Explore the possibility of developing a closer working relationship between ALTA, PLA and the Urban Library Council.

The Committee on Planning has developed a second revised draft of A Statement of Goals and Objectives of the American Library Association. This will be an important action item during Midwinter, and the proposed statement has several major purposes. First, it is intended to facilitate the planning process for ALA divisions and units and provide a framework through which the units may develop their own goals and objectives. Secondly this statement will help to coordinate policy and action for the Executive Board and COPES. Finally, it offers a means whereby ALA may establish policy and action which is in keeping with future trends emerging in our society.

In brief, the proposed goal and objectives are as follows:

“The goal of the American Library Association is the promotion of libraries and librarianship to assure the delivery of information service to all. The following objectives are integral to the achievement of the ALA Goal:

1. Provision of information services and resources for all the people of the United States of American in order to increase their opportunity to participate in society, to learn, to achieve self-fulfillment, to pursue careers, and to obtain information needed for research.

2. Provision of leadership for interlibrary cooperation leading to a nation-wide information delivery system which equalizes access to information resources.

3. Cooperation to achieve increased access to library and information resources throughout the world.

4. Support of intellectual freedom as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read statement and support of librarians, trustees, or libraries whose defense of these principles is challenged.

5. Development and support of library personnel through the affirmative action, education, personal welfare, and training.”

I’m sure there will be many other items of business to come before Council, but to date I have not received copies of other reports. I will report in the April issue on actions taken at Midwinter, and also of activities of the Chapter Relations Committee, whose meetings I will be attending. Remember ALA and OLA dues are payable
now. The ALA Membership Committee has
set a goal of 50,000 members by 1976.
Wouldn't it be great if we could achieve that
goal, even before 1976?

**SWLA — Galveston — 1974**

*Frances Kennedy*
*OLA Executive Secretary*

The 25th biennial conference of the
Southwestern Library Association was held
in Galveston, October 15-18, 1974. OLA
membership was well represented, and we
arrived by all modes of travel. Perhaps the
most interesting arrangement was made by
Bill Lowry for a group who rode the rails of
Amtrak!

An institute on Nonprint Media preceded
the conference. Also on October 15 SLICE
and CELS meetings were held. It was with
regret that membership learned that Mary
Ann Duggan was leaving SWLA. Peggy
O'Donnell has been appointed as the new
director of these programs. More of the for-
mulation of the goal, and the implementa-
tion of it, will appear in the **SWLA Newslet-
ter**.

"The Interfaces of Librarianship" was
the theme of the conference, and an in-
teresting innovation, and a convenient one,
was the repetition of meetings, so that
members missing one session had the op-
portunity of attending the session at a dif-
ferent time and/or day. Total Community Li-
brary Service, Community Information Net-
work, Interface with Telecommunications,
The Computer Revolution in Library Refer-
ence Services, Interface with New Audien-
ces were aspects of interface which ap-
peared on the program. Roderick Swartz
presented a status report on the National
Commission on Libraries and Information
Science. One of the most entertaining pro-
grams was "Learning to Interface: Future
Training for Service," in which educators
and administrators discussed with some
frankness and humor the status of library
education.

The National Endowment for the
Humanities has made a $25,000 grant to
SWLA to survey human and material re-
sources in the humanities in the six states of
this region. Ailie Beth Martin is the chairman
of the survey committee for Oklahoma, and
Phyllis Maggeroli is the director for this six
months project.

At the business meeting a new constitu-
tion and by-laws were adopted. Beginning
in 1976 individual dues will be increased to
$10.00 annually. The increase for institu-
tional dues becomes effective in 1975.
SWLA is an active, innovative regional as-
sociation, and this increase will insure that
its projects will be financed for the benefit of
all librarians in this region. An emphasis on
continuing education will be of great interest
to Oklahoma librarians.

Albuquerque will host the 1976 SWLA
conference. Start making your plans now.
Remember, too, that your SWLA dues may
be paid with your OLA dues. Membership
forms for OLA have been mailed, with the
form for SWLA enclosed. Both are bar-
gains!

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**Recommended New Books for Physicians**

This is to announce the publication and
availability of "Books in Clinical Practice
1971-75: An Annotated List for Medical
Practitioners Indexed by Subject and Au-
thor." This list of 516 recent books is ar-
anged by 32 different clinical specialties
with comments on each category. The list
appears in the December 1974 issue of
**Postgraduate Medicine**. Single free
copies will be available from the Office of
Publications Management of the National
Library of Medicine upon request. Authors
of this publication are Kelly M. West, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine; Ruth W. Wender, M.L.S.; and Ruby S. May, M.A.L.S. of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Library.

The address for free single copies of the reprint is:
Office of Publications Management
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
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**SWLA Humanities Project**

*Marlon Mitchell*
Executive Secretary, SWLA

The Southwestern Library Association has announced that its project "Humanities in the Southwest" is officially underway. Funded by a planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Project will assay the diverse strengths and resources in libraries, library associations and related institutions in each of the SWLA states. The goal of the Project is to develop a fifteen-month humanities project proposal designed to emphasize the role libraries can play in relating the humanities to the interests and needs of the general adult public.

Under the direction of Phyllis Maggernick, the Project includes a state planning committee in each SWLA state which will survey the resources for humanities programs within that state. Allie Beth Martin, Director, Tulsa City-County Library, is chairman of the state planning committee in Oklahoma.

The National Endowment for the Humanities, established in 1965, encourages the relationship of the humanities to human needs. It funds and supports programs which encourage public awareness of the humanities. The SWLA planning grant is intended to evolve into a continuing...
program at the local and regional levels demonstrating how libraries can serve as catalysts for community involvement in the humanities.

The planning grant phase of the Project will extend until March 15, 1975. Further information can be obtained from Miss Maggeroli at the SWLA office, 7371 Paldao Dr., Dallas, Texas 75240, 214/234-1555.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Workshop

Oliver Delaney
Chairman, Intellectual Freedom Committee

During the 1975 OLA Conference, plan to participate in all sessions of the Intellectual Freedom Committee Workshop, Thursday and Friday. These mini-sessions are designed for the widest participation by librarians on all levels in assisting their awareness and alertness of any and all infringements upon their rights and those of their publics in having access to materials and information. Each of the sessions will deal with a primary aspect of the problems we encounter and integrate underlying principles involved. As the workshop opens with a speakers bureau addressing itself to national, state, and local dimensions of recent decisions affecting intellectual freedom we will follow up with a discussion program, a dramatized actual case of censorship efforts. Later conferences will develop the more effective strategies to use in countering an attack on intellectual freedom incorporating the need for and development of materials selection policies and how strong public relations techniques and the media can be used effectively to influence favorable community opinion.

We trust that all conference participants will take this opportunity to familiarize oneself with the variety of resources available when problems arise and how to make effective use of these resources. Knowledge of the many methods of dealing with the various attacks on intellectual freedom in your community is important in being prepared to appropriately respond.

The purpose of their workshop is both to instruct in these principles and how to promote and defend them. Libraries are based on the intellectual freedom concept and as abstract as that concept can be at times, librarians will need to relate what this concept means to each citizen as an individual, and as a member of a community, a state, a nation. We hope to stimulate your interest in these concerns with an interesting exhibit of banned materials and booth during the conference.

*The Texas Library Association will hold its 62nd Annual Conference at the Convention Center in Dallas, Texas, April 2-5. The theme of the conference will be "Measuring Performance."
Library Legislation Workshop

Dee Ann Ray
Co-Chairman, Library Development Committee OLA

Photos by
John Blevins
Oklahoma Department of Libraries

The Library Legislation Workshop sponsored by OLA and ALA was held Friday, September 27, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This project was requested from ALA during the winter of 1974 and was made possible by the J. Morris Jones Award program. Mrs. Nancy Stiegemeyer, trustee on the move from Cape Girardeau, Missouri, was the ALA Legislative Consultant assigned to Oklahoma.

Harry Bickford, Ardmore Attorney and 2nd Vice President of OLA, introduces Nancy Stiegemeyer.

Participants at Legislative Workshop make "value judgments" on questions presented by Nancy Stiegemeyer.

filled with ideas and challenges to any person(s) working on legislation and getting more money for libraries.

Senator Keller and Representative Saunders were big hits with workshop attendees as they candidly told what they wanted to have in the way of information from anyone working on legislation. Their dialogue was delightful and ended too soon.

In critiquing the meeting, the Library Development Committee made the following suggestions: Next year's meeting should focus on local problems and use more local talent, with more participation from Oklahoma Legislative members. There should be more opportunity for types of libraries to discuss their common needs.
Mrs. Stiegemeyer's presentation was really great, and with it as a beginning point, the committee felt that specific problems could be focused on next year, with a earlier date for the meeting. The Committee also suggested that for next year that the workshop be centered around a long morning, with no lunch break until the end, because it is hard to hold people all day.

SRRT Outreach Citations
News Release

Outstanding library "outreach" programs are eligible for citation of merit from the Oklahoma Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table.

SRRT plans to make the citations an annual event, chairman Gerry Willingham said. They will be presented at the OLA conference each year.

The outreach service program judged the best in the state during the preceding year will win the top citation, while other excellent outreach programs will receive honorable mention.

This citation program is designed to promote library service to all Oklahomans and to help maintain the SRRT's "Clearinghouse of Resource Persons."

This resource file, established two years ago, provides information on outreach programs for libraries.

Outreach programs entered in the SRRT competition will be judged on their innovation, quality of service and audience served.

With these criteria, programs can compete fairly against one another, despite differences in size, cost and administration.

Entries could include such projects as a school library's Reading Is Fundamental program, a public library's shut-in service and an academic library's special collection of foreign language materials to help its foreign students.

The projects entered must have begun or been carried out during the preceding calendar year. For example, citations presented at the 1975 OLA conference will be for 1974 programs.

Entries may be either one-time programs or on-going ones, and they should promote the philosophy that libraries have a social responsibility to serve their entire community.

Regulations and entry forms for the SRRT's outreach service citation contest will soon be mailed to all state libraries. For additional entry forms, write: Gerry Willingham, Media Center, Putnam City Schools, 5501 NW 39, Oklahoma City.

Entry deadline is Feb. 22.

Hazel Craig Receives Citizens Award

Frances Kennedy
Chairman, OLA Awards Committee

OLA may be accused of being a wee bit stingy in the number of citizens awards it has given over the years. They are certainly not commonplace, but by their very rarity they increase in value.

On April 19, 1974, the Association honored a great lady from the old dust bowl area of the state, but there is no dust on her. It could be that there are a few grains on her front steps, as she left in haste to stir up a storm over inadequate financing for public libraries in the state.

And there is no dust on her thinking — she acts like a librarian, talks like a librarian, and feels like a librarian. Perhaps the greatest compliment that we can pay her is to say that we often forget that she isn't one! She speaks our language rather eloquently, though somewhat purer than we are prone to do under stress. But she has a vocabulary that not all of us have — words that tell
the library story to those we often could not reach.

Someone who knows her well has outlined her achievements at length. I can only quote and summarize briefly: "Her qualifications are many. She has been on the Western Plains Library System Board since 1967, when Dewey County joined this library system. She campaigned actively for the 2 mill levy. She has served in all elected offices of this Board, and is in her second term as treasurer."

As a library trustee she has very successfully carried the library story to her community, which includes, through other of her activities, all of northwest Oklahoma. Through her, many organizations of the state have learned about libraries. In 1971-1972 she was elected chairman of the Trustees Division of OLA, and the following year served as Second Vice President of OLA.

On the national level she has served on the ALTA Committee on Chapter Relations, and has attended several ALA meetings in that capacity. Just yesterday I learned that she will be going to San Antonio next week for a regional hearing for the National Commission on Libraries, to testify on what library service means to the rural areas she knows so well.

Her faithfulness and devotion to the library's needs have never wavered. She works quietly and efficiently, but her effectiveness is far reaching.

Is it any surprise that Hazel Craig was nominated, recommended by the Awards Committee, and elected by the OLA Executive Board as the citizen deserving of this special commendation this year. This special Citizens Recognition Award was presented to Hazel Craig, with the admiration and appreciation of all of us for her outstanding service to libraries!

Alice Pattee Honored

Frances Kennedy
Chairman, OLA Awards Committee

Alice Pattee was presented an award for special services to the association during the 1974 conference of the Oklahoma Library Association. Nominations for this honor came from a number of librarians who recognized how much she had given herself and her expertise. A portion of the presentation speech follows:

"OLA is not stingy with its awards; it is just that so many of our members, trustees, and friends do such outstanding jobs that it takes a super person to be named for an award of any kind.

"There is a precedent for special awards for contributions above and beyond the call of duty, but still not meeting that unique combination of time and events and a purple heart leading to the Distinguished Service Award. Allie Beth Martin and Leta Dover were given special awards a few
years ago for being dynamos on the legislative battlefield.

"Tonight we honor another dynamo who is worth more than her weight in computer print out. She is the one who has tackled, wrestled with, and conquered that dragon — the Oklahoma Union List of Serials. She has lived serials, and breathed serials for so long, and so intently! This librarian will always be remembered for continuing to work on this five volume monster long after funds were exhausted, and so was she. But through her perseverance we shall have a union list.

"For this monumental task, and for her helpfulness to catalogers throughout the state during the many years she has been in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Library Association wishes to present this very special gift to a very special person — ALICE SERIAL PATTEE!"

The D.S.A. To Dee Ann Ray

Frances Kennedy,
Chairman, OLA Awards Committee

Dee Ann Ray, Director of the Western Plains Library System, was presented the coveted Distinguished Service Award of the Oklahoma Library Association at the Awards Banquet on April 20, 1974 during the annual conference. Excerpts from the presentation speech follow:

"The life of the person we honor tonight with the Distinguished Service Award is no open book. And even if we could capture her between two book covers, where in the world would we classify her? Tulsa claims Dee Ann by reason of birth. From the time she was a very young child she was fascinated with books and libraries. She still is! While attending the University of Tulsa she worked on the student staff. The library profession possessed her even more as time went on, and she received her degree in library science from the University of Oklahoma.

"Now she was a Librarian, spelled with a capital L, which it always has been for her. Either the love of the open country or a fascinating job description enticed her to become a field librarian at the Oklahoma State Library from 1960 to 1963. But being a 'show me' girl by disposition, even though not by birth, she migrated to Missouri to become director of demonstration services for the Missouri State Library from 1964 to 1966. Oklahoma called her back in 1966 to head the infant Western Plains Library System, with headquarters at Clinton, and she has remained there doing outstanding work in that multi county service unit.

"In the meantime she started her activities in professional organizations, and she has held almost every office and committee chairmanship in OLA. Her leadership was recognized by her election to the presidency of OLA, and she served in that capacity for the 1972-1973 term. Her chairmanship of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Library Development Committee, and membership activities have kept her time well filled, and have brought her praise for her outstanding efforts and accomplishments.

"Dee Ann is a member of Beta Phi Mu, and in 1974 was honored in Clinton by Beta Sigma Phi as the First Lady of the Year. Her principal hobby is farming, which she does in Rocky under the expert guidance of Jim and Verma Meader who are here tonight. Also with us is the inspirational aunt, Fran White, in whose footsteps Dee Ann has followed as a librarian.

"The Awards Committee and the Oklahoma Library Association are both proud and happy to present the Association's highest award to Dee Ann Ray for her outstanding contribution to librarianship in Oklahoma."
Science Book Fair—An Evaluation

Mary Meacham
University of Oklahoma
School of Library Science

The 1974 Science Book Fair, jointly sponsored by the Stovall Museum of Science and History and the School of Library Science of the University of Oklahoma, was held at the museum on the OU Campus, November 10-24. The books used were the 90 available of the 111 selected by the National Science Teachers Association—Children's Book Council Joint Liaison Committee. We can now make some observations about its successes (or failures) which might prove useful to others contemplating a similar activity or merely interested in children's science books.

Overall the fair was a success. 800 students, mostly from the Norman-Oklahoma City area attended; they ranged from first to 8th grades, including some classes of special education students and slow learners, children from Central State Hospital and children with learning disabilities, all of whom seemed to enjoy the museum and the books. One drawback, however, may have been that the grade range of the books (k-6) made some "too old" and some "too young" for some of the groups; the 3-4th grade classes may have found the most books to interest them. Three of the most popular books, according to Marjorie Farwell, Stovall's Director of Education, were those on ostriches (Ostrich, Wallace Litwin Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, k-4, Unp.), whales (Blue Whale, Vanishing Leviathan, Joseph J. Cook and William L. Wisner, Dodd, Mead, 5-10, 80 pp; Whales, Helen Hoke and Valerie Pitt. Franklin Watts, 4-6, 90 pp.), and the birth of a puppy (My Puppy is Born, Joanna Cole, Morrow, k-3, Unp.). The latter book utilizes photos and probably should be examined before purchase. In view of the usual standards for "activity books," i.e. safety and adult supervision when necessary, another book which librarians may also want to see before buying is Biology Project Puzzlers by A. Harris Stone and Robert J. Stein, Prentice-Hall (4-6), 64 pp. Interestingly, books on space exploration did not prove as popular as in recent years. Dinosaur books remain great favorites, as usual, but not as many were included in the exhibit, especially at the 3-4 grade level, as were needed.

The books were arranged in small groups at various places in the museum rather than being all together in one display. This informal arrangement permitted an integration of books with museum exhibits. Ms. Farwell, Cynthia Goodwin-Mumma, educational officer for the Museum, students of a children's literature course, and other interested adults, were on hand to answer questions about either the exhibits or the books. Many of these people attended a 3-hour orientation program to acquaint them with the museum and the book. Several scientists also gave short lectures—demonstrations in chemistry, physics, and zoology, such as making a miniature volcano, and this was well-received. Less successful was the placing of exploration questions related to the exhibits and books inside the cover of each book. Carpet squares were available for children who wished to sit down and peruse a book, but not enough area was made available. Next year plans include a separate "lounge area" where children may read in a quieter atmosphere. The k-4th graders probably responded best to this format, with the older children most interested in the activities, the exhibits, and talking to adults than in reading the books. It may be interesting to note in this context that libraries seem to be moving towards more exhibit materials such as pictures, sculpture, pets, and toys, while
some museums are adding books to their exhibits.

The fair was assessed to be well worth the fairly considerable time and effort it entailed. Ms. Farwell reports that many of the children seem hungry to talk to adults on a one-to-one basis and that the more adults who can be recruited for an activity of this nature, the better. Copies of the list of books used, with very brief reviews, are available by sending a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope to the School of Library Science, 401 West Brooks, Room 120, Norman, Oklahoma 73069.

**Assistant Humanities Librarian Appointed at OSU**

*Roscoe Rouse*

University Librarian, Oklahoma State University

The OSU Library announces the appointment of Mrs. Carol A. Ahmad to the position of Instructor, Assistant Humanities Librarian. Mrs. Ahmad, who received her master's degree in library science from the University of Washington in Seattle and her B.A. degree with honors from the University of Texas, brings to the position a background of varied experience in the profession. Among her professional assignments, Mrs. Ahmad held a position in the University of Washington, working half-time in government documents and half-time in the general reference department. She was a member of the staff of the Atlanta Public Library for two years, holding assignments in the Reader Services Department and in the Government Information Center. For a period of time, Mrs. Ahmad was librarian at the Colegio Internacional de Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela.

Mrs. Ahmad is married to Professor Shair Ahmad, a member of the faculty in the Mathematics Department.

**Continuing Education Institute**

*Marion Mitchell*

Executive Secretary, SWLA

An institute for training library staff members in continuing education techniques will be held March 17-28, 1975, at L.S.U.-Baton Rouge. Sponsored by the Southwestern Library Association and under the direction of Dr. Donald Foos, Dean of the Graduate Library School, L.S.U., the institute is funded by an HEA Title II B grant. Five participants from each of the six SWLA states (thirty in all) will be selected from middle-management positions representing all types of libraries. Priority will be given to applicants representing minority and/or ethnic groups within the SWLA region. Position will determine the eligibility of the participants, in that the institute is designed to provide training for those who will have the responsibility for conducting education programs for library staffs.

Dr. Foos with the Executive Board of SWLA acting as an Advisory Committee will select institute participants. Interested libraries and individuals are requested to make application as soon as possible.

**Good News (and Some Sad News Too)**

*Esther Mae Henke*

Oklahoma Department of Libraries

Part of the good news is that the citizens of Jackson County at the November 5 General Election voted the 2-mill ad valorem library tax, thus joining Harmon County to insure the continuance of the Southern Prairie Library System.

More good news is that the citizens of Tulsa County raised the library millage from 1.9 mills to the 2-mill maximum, also at the November 5 election.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board Meetings of The Oklahoma Library Association are OPEN MEETINGS. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

January 17, 1975, University of Oklahoma Library
February 21, 1975, Oklahoma Department of Libraries
March 21, 1975, Tulsa City-County Library
April 10, 1975, Sheraton Inn-Skyline, Tulsa

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN at 10:00 a.m.

Date: Sept. 20, 1974
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Pioneer Multi-County Library, Norman

Members Present: Leonard Eddy, Jim Wilkerson, James Zink, Anne Rounds, Josh Stroman, Elizabeth Geis, Frances Kennedy, Irma Tomberlin

Guests Present: Esther Mae Henke, Bill Lowry

Leonard Eddy reported that he sent letters to the gubernatorial candidates and received only two responses. A full report will be given at the Legislative Workshop, September 27.

Irma Tomberlin, ALA Councilor, reported that she has received copies of the new ALA Constitution and By Laws and summaries of Council and Executive Board Action. She has also received a letter asking for support from all ALA Councilors for a promotional membership campaign. They hope to have 50,000 members by 1976.

Jim Wilkerson reported on the Program Committee’s progress. The Committee has decided upon a theme: “Funding is Fundamental.” Possible speakers at this time are Frederic Glazer, West Virginia State Librarian, and Governor Arch Moore of West Virginia. The Committee is also checking into the possibility of having Ralph Nader as a speaker.

Leonard Eddy noted that someone from the Tulsa University Library will handle local arrangements.

Under old business, Bill Lowry, reported that the SWLA trip plans are underway. He has received 24 reservations. If he does not receive a total of at least 30 reservations transportation from Houston to Galveston will have to be changed from chartered bus to some other means. Irma Tomberlin suggested that he contact the SWLA Local Arrangements Committee.

The Legislative Workshop will be held Friday, September 27. Total attendance of approximately 75 is expected.

Bill Lowry also reported that the Library Systems Directors have initiated plans for a program on censorship which may be held in March or April. The program would be funded by the Oklahoma Humanities Committee.

Leonard Eddy said he has received information from Allie Beth Martin concerning an institute to be held at LSU which will relate to the CELS report. Five people from each state may attend and it is recommended that they be members of the OLA Continuing Education Committee. A Continuing Education Committee has not yet been formed for this year but Leonard Eddy said he would appoint one.

Two hundred dollars will be sent to the ALA Washington office. PLA always contributes to that office.

The Executive Board meetings will be held in various places this year. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Oct. 25 — Tulsa City County Library
- Nov. 15 — Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- Dec. 13 — Oklahoma City University
- Jan. 17 — Oklahoma University Library
- Feb. 21 — Oklahoma Department of Libraries

The Social Responsibilities Roundtable has been looking into the need for books for the McAlester prison library. Esther Mae Henke said at this time there is no library facility and no place to store books. A new library will be constructed and the Department of Corrections plans to hire a librarian.

Under new business Leonard Eddy informed the Board that he had received a resignation from Carolyn Abernathy, Chairman of Children and Young People’s...
Division. Irma Tomberlin moved that the Board accept with regret Carolyn Abernathy's resignation. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Geis and approved by the Board. Rita Cain, Vice Chairman, has agreed to serve as Chairman.

The Technical Services Division is planning a workshop on ISBD. Mrs. Ruth David will be the speaker. The Board requested further information on expected expenditures for the workshop before approving a budget request.

Annual conference sites will rotate between Oklahoma City and Tulsa until such time as other cities can provide suitable accommodations. Leonard Eddy expressed concern for the work load placed on Tulsa and Oklahoma City librarians in making local arrangements. It was suggested that librarians from the surrounding cities be included in the local arrangements committees. For example, Norman and Edmond librarians could assist when the conference is held in Oklahoma City.

Leonard Eddy has received information concerning a library conference to be held in Hawaii the week following the ALA Conference in San Francisco. A brochure on the trip will be sent with the President's Newsletter.

A budget request has been received from the Membership Committee. Mary Beth Ozmun has requested $200.00. Elizabeth Geis moved that the request for $200 from the Membership Committee be approved. Irma Tomberlin seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

The membership form needs to be reprinted. Irma Tomberlin asked if there is a place on the form to indicate membership in ALA. There is not. Jim Wilkerson, Frances Kennedy and Leonard Eddy will look over the old membership form and determine needed changes.

It was noted that the ALA Membership Chairman for Oklahoma should be a member of the OLA Membership Committee. An ALA Membership Chairman has not yet been appointed for Oklahoma.

Ann Hoyt presented a budget request for $20.00 for the Library Education Division. That division is planning a meeting with the audiovisual instructors from colleges throughout the state. The meeting will be held November 15. Anne Rounds moved that the Library Education Division request for $20.00 be approved. Elizabeth Geis seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

The SWLA Trustee Interest Group has asked that OLA be represented at their meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on October 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Tulsa City County Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Rounds,
Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the president. The minutes were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Mr. Stroman announced that the certificate of deposit that had matured in August, 1974 had been reinvested. The board approved this action.

There was no ALA Councilor's report.

The Executive Secretary's report of the SWLA meeting in Galveston will be published in the Oklahoma Librarian. However, special note should be made of the following items:

1. Institutional dues will increase for SWLA in 1975 and Individual dues to $10.00 per person in 1976.
2. Mary Ann Duggan has resigned as SWLA Coordinator for SLICE and CELS, and Peggy O'Donnell has been named her successor.
3. New officers of SWLA will take office at the end of each biennial meeting instead of January first as has been done in the past.

Dr. James Zink reported that the Oklahoma Librarian October issue is at the press. An index for the past year's volume is a new feature, and Dr. Zink feels the index indicates the broad coverage of the periodical. Processes are now becoming standardized as a result of the Norman Transcript Press's new typesetting.

A question arose concerning the possibility of OLA sponsoring or encouraging the indexing of the metropolitan newspaper. The Daily Oklahoman indexing lapsed with the retirement of Miss Opal Carr at O.U. in 1971. The question was tabled after discussion of some possibilities.

There was no report by the Federal Relations Coordinator or Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Jim Wilkerson, Chairman of the OLA Arrangements Committee for the annual convention to be held in Tulsa April 10, 11, and 12, 1975, announced that Ruth Harrington of Tulsa University would serve as Local Arrangements Chairman.

Oliver Delaney, Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee gave a report on a meeting held by the committee on October 8, 1974, in Stillwater. The meeting concerned a protest filed by Mr. Duane Meyers objecting to action taken April 18, 1974, by the OLA Executive Board in removing from the 1974 Conference Packet a reprint of the Oklahoma Librarian April "Currents" column.

Mr. Eddy stated that the Executive Board had four options concerning the report:

1. Accept the report.
2. Reject the report.
3. Read it into the minutes.
4. Table the report.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Wilkerson that the report be referred back to the Intellectual Freedom Committee for further consideration since the minutes which included the report had not been approved by the committee and that the chairman of the OLA Executive Board appoint a committee to study the allegations in the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sue Harrington's request for $230 to support the Technical Service's Division and Automation Roundtable's Joint Workshop on ISBD on Tuesday,
February 25, 1975, was read. The request was approved.

The president announced the appointment of Rita Cain as Chairman of the Children and Young People's Division to replace Carolyn Abernathy and the appointment of John Hinkle as Chairman of the Right to Read Committee.

A motion was made by Mary Esther Saxon that Oliver Delaney as Chairman of the Intellectual Freedom Committee for OLA attend the ALA sponsored Seminar on Intellectual Freedom and Legislation to be held December 12-13, 1974 in Chicago and that his expenses be allowed. Motion was seconded and approved. Mrs. Saxon also moved that the expenses for Frances Kennedy to attend the Executive Secretaries Meeting of state library associations to be held in conjunction with ALA Mid-Winter be allowed. Motion was seconded and approved.

The Executive Committee endorsed a request from the Library Development Committee to give moral support to the concept of state aid plus the move to change the Oklahoma Constitution to allow for increased millage levies.

The board approved $50.00 for the OLA bond and authorized the signatures of Josh Stroman and Frances Kennedy.

Action on other agenda items was deferred until the next meeting to be held November 45th at 10:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Esther Saxon,
Secretary

Date — November 15, 1974
Time — 10:00 A.M.
Place — Conference Room, ODL
Members Present: Leonard Eddy, Irma Tomberlin, Elizabeth Geis, Jim Wilkerson, Anne Rounds, Mary Esther Saxon, Josh Stroman
Guests Present: Ralph Funk, Sheryl Anspaugh, Lee Brawner, Peggy O'Donnell

The meeting was called to order by the president. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was accepted. Josh Stroman reported that the Oklahoma Tax Commission and Internal Revenue Service reports had been turned in.

ALA Councilor Irma Tomberlin stated that she had no report. There was no report concerning the Oklahoma Librarian. Ralph Funk reported from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries the following information concerning November B elections.

1. Jackson County voted to join the Southern Prairie Library System.
2. Tillman County defeated the proposal to join the Southern Prairie Library System.
3. Johnston County approved an extra mill for library support.
4. Tulsa passed extra millage for library support.
5. Anna Walls, long-time head of Legislative Reference Division at ODL has changed jobs and is now working for the Department of Public Safety.

Jim Wilkerson reported for the Program Committee that Governor-elect David Boren has been contacted to see if he will appear on the program at OLA in April.

The Children and Young People's Division, the Library Education Division and the School Librarians plan to hold joint meetings at OLA.

Leonard Eddy announced that a letter has been received from Eileen Cook, head of the ALA Washington office, thanking OLA for the $200 that had been sent the office for support. He also announced that the next meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Committee would be held December 6th at ODL.

Mr. Eddy announced that a committee will be appointed to establish guidelines for materials enclosed in OLA convention packets.

A letter from Dee Ann Ray concerning library education in Oklahoma was read to the board by Mr. Eddy as a matter of information.

Membership of the Right-to-Read Committee and Continuing Education was announced. At the request of the Library Development Committee approval was granted for $500 to allow a member of the Committee to attend a two-week course at Catholic University on "Libraries and the Legislative Process" during the summer of 1975.

Action on a budget request from the Social Responsibilities Round Table was deferred pending further clarification.

Mr. Lee Brawner representing SWLA introduced Peggy O'Donnell, new director of the SLICE/CELS Project for SWLA. She asked for input from all OLA members for ways continuing professional development could be supported by her office. Mrs. O'Donnell could be reached at the SWLA office in Dallas.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held December 13th at 10:00 A.M. at the OCU Library. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Esther Saxon,
Secretary

Good News

(Signed from Page 34)

Sad news is that library elections failed in Tillman County (2 mills) and Johnston County (an additional mill), in spite of the hard work of dedicated library supporters.

SIX MONTHS SCORE—5 TO 3

(Five counties have voted new or increased library taxes, since June 11 and 3 have rejected tax proposals

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Literary Notes
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An illustrated history of Oklahoma City, entitled *Bom Grown* is available from Fidelity Bank, Oklahoma City. Roy Stewart, who wrote the book to commemorate the eighty-fifth anniversary of the "Run of '89," has put together a balanced, accurate account of Oklahoma City's development.

Marilyn Harris will be Writer-In-Residence in the Novel at Central State University again this year. Ms. Harris, whose latest novel, *The Conjurers*, has been bought by Dell Paperbacks, is currently at work on *Traps*, a new novel of Women's Lib.

*The Blackmailer* (Bobbs-Merrill) is Jack Bickman's third mystery story written under the pseudonym John Miles. This one centers around industrial espionage and takes interesting 1970-ish twists with its modern gadgetry, C.I.A. involvement, sex, and blackmail.

The O.S.U. Press has released *The Illiterate Digest*, volume three of the first series of *The Writings of Will Rogers*, a joint project of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission and Oklahoma State University. In this volume, Rogers settles everything from America's soup plate etiquette and corset problem to oil scandals, political conventions, and world affairs. The Will Rogers Project has drawn critical enthusiasm country-wide.

School Library News
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them both in the provided self-addressed stamped envelope by February 7. Again, the address to send these important forms is: Mrs. Ame Gorena, Secretary, Putnam City West High School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73127.

c) April 19 is the one-day Oklahoma Student Library Association convention to be held on the O.U. campus. All library club sponsors be sure to tell your members about this!

Gladys Cage reports that the Harrah School District No. 7 is in the process of building and staffing a new middle school complete with media center. Mrs. Naomi Mitchell has been hired as the media center director. The school is scheduled to open in September, 1975. CONGRATULATIONS MRS. MITCHELL!!

Congratulations are also in order to Kenie Tyrrell of Bethany High School in Bethany. She was the lucky winner of the beautiful floral arrangement given as a door prize during the OASL meeting in Tulsa.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to contribute news, I am hopeful that many more of you will become roving reporters for our column. I need the help of you all!

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